of the dispute regarding the rate of electric energy, between the Nagercoil Municipal Council and the local Electric Supply Corporation ;

(*b*) whether the dispute in 1114 was brought to the notice of the Government ; and

(*c*) the action taken thereon ?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes ; by means of a deputation from the Municipal Council, Nagercoil.

(*c*) The dispute was referred by the parties to Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon, Electrical Engineer to Government, for arbitration.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the date when the dispute was referred to the arbitrator ?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : 3 or 4 months ago

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the result of the arbitration ?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : The abritrator gave an award and that may be now before the court.

MR. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the rate of payment of electric energy before the dispute was referred to the arbitrator ?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : Rs. 25 per annum for a 40 walt lamp burning 6 hours a day.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Sir, I rise to a point of order. From the reply by the Honourable member is appears that the matter is *Sub Judice* and as such I wish to know whether supplementary questions can be put.

PRESIDENT : We do not know at what stage the matter stands, and it is understood that the arbitrator has given an award and that it is either filed or going to be filed in the Court. From the moment it goes to the Court it is *sub judice*. The discussion is in order if the matter has not gone to the Court. Otherwise it will be *sub judice*.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the amount the Electrical Corporation, Nagercoil, has levied in 1113 ?

MR P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : I have got the figures only up to the end of Thulam 1114, they amount to Rs. 23,929 12 as. 5 p.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the figures for 1112 ?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : I am sorry, Sir, I have not got the figures for 1112 separately.

Classification of railway lands in the State.

42. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the principle underlying the classification of railway lands in the State and the classes into which they are divided ;

(*b*) the distinction between 'A' and 'B' class railway lands ;

(*c*) whether land acquired by the railway and not used by

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[Mr. S. Narayana Pillai.]

them for the purpose for which they were acquired could be returned to the original owners or registered in favour of other applicants ;

(*d*) whether there are discrepancies between the plans relating to railway lands kept by the railway authorities and those kept by the Government ; and

(*e*) whether such discrepancies have led to disputes between owners of adjacent properties and the railway authorities causing inconvenience and annoyance to the former ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The lands are classified in accordance with the purpose for which they are used and they are divided into A, B and C class lands.

(*b*) A class lands are lands required permanently for railway while B class lands are those required only temporarily and they may be relinquished by the Railway authorities as and when found convenient.

(*c*) No

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: With reference to answer to parts (*d*), and (*e*), may I know what action Government have taken in the matter?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government have already asked the Railway authorities and the Land Revenue Department to conduct a joint inspection and after that inspection the discrepancies will be rectified.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : May I know from the Government why the lands acquired by the railway authorities and not used by them for the purpose for which they were acquired could not be registered in favour of deserving applicants ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The question of registry arises only when the lands are relinquished by the railway authorities and not before that.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether they have taken any action hitherto with regard to the relinquishing of such lands ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government are awaiting instructions from the railway authorities and when such information is received Government will take steps for the disposal of the lands by assigment or by public auction.

Road between Puthenvelikara and Thuruthipuram.

43. ***MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have enquired into the necessity for constructing a road between Puthenvelikara and Thuruthipuram in the Parur Taluk ?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR Yes.

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